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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Monday the 28th June 1982/Ashada 7, 1904. S.E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI K. H. RANGANATH) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Demands of the Karnataka State Pensioner's Association

323 SRI H.L. THIMME GOWDA (Basavanagudi)—Will the Minister for Finance and Tourism be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times the Karnataka State Pensioners' Association submitted Memorandums to Government for certain benefits ;

(b) the demands put forth by the said Association ;

(c) out of them the number of demands sanctioned and the number of demands rejected (details may be given) :

(d) whether it is a fact that the State Government has reduced the scale of D.A. paid to State Government Pensioners to that of the level of D.A. paid to Central Government pensioners, in their Order No. FD (Spl.) 113 PET 81, Bangalore dated 5-10-1981 in order to eliminate the disparities between the Scale of D.A. being paid to Central Governments Pensioners and the State Government Pensioners.

(e) if so, whether the Government would enhance the pension to the level of pension granted to the Central Government Pensioner on the same analogy ;

(f) whether the Government contemplates to appoint a Commission consisting of retired High Court Judge and retired Accountant General to consider the demands put forth by the Association ?

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY (Minister for Finance and Tourism).—

(a) Twice during the past two years.

(b) The following were the demands put forth by the Associationⁿ in the two memoranda :—

A. Memorandum dated 30-5-1980

(1) To increase the adhoc relief granted with effect from 1-3-1980 to the pensioners in Government Order No. FD (Spl) 133 PET 79, dated 18-3-1980.

(2) Restoration of commuted portion of pension.

(3) Restoration of $\frac{1}{4}$ th pension recovered for payment of DCRG after twelve years.

(4) Refund of two months' salary recovered from pensioners at the time of retirement out of the DCRG amount to pay family pension.

(5) Liberalisation of family Pension Benefits.

(6) Grant of Medical Relief.

(7) Relief to pensioners of aided institutions and other Local Bodies including Municipalities and Taluk Boards, etc.,

(8) Grant of employment to children of pensioners.

(9) Placing pensioners under the group "Economically Backward"

B. Memorandum dated 3-12-1980

(1) Treating the amount of adhoc relief as pension for the purpose of grant of D.A.

(2) Granting of further relief for removal of disparity in pensions of those retiring on different dates.

(3) Restoration of Commuted portion of Pension-Reduction in the period prescribed for restoration.

(4) Restoration of recovery of $\frac{1}{4}$ th pension for two years or two months' pay which was made towards family pension.

(5) Liberalisation of family pension rules.

(6) Grant of medical relief.

(7) Employment to the dependants of pensioners who die.

(8) To do away with the remarriage certificate to be produced by the widow of the pensioner from a Gazetted Officer.

(9) Appointment of Pension Commission.

(10) Representation in the Legislative Council.

(11) Travel Concessions to Pensioners.

(12) Sanction of sites to the Pensioners.

(c) —

1. *Memorandum dated 30-5-1980*

Number of demands accepted :	1 (Demand No. 2)
Number of demands partly, : accepted.	1 (Demand No. 4)
Number of demands rejected :	5 (Demand Nos. 1, 3, 6, 7, and 8)
Number of demands under Examination.	2 (Demand Nos. 5 and 9)

2. *Memorandum dated 3-12-1980*

Number of demands accepted :	2 (Demand Nos. 3 and 8)
Number of demands rejected :	9 (Demand Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12)
Number of demands under examination :	1 (Demand No. 5)

(d) Yes.

(e) The question does not arise. At the minimum level the State Government Pension is higher than that under the Government of India. At all other levels both are the same.

(f) No.

SRI A. LAKSHMISAGAR —Sir, there appears to have arisen a disparity in the emoluments payable to them by way of pension benefits. Will the Government take suitable steps to obviate this difficulty by rationalisation of the structure of pension benefits to the employees?

SRI M. VEERAPPA MOLLY.—Mr. Speaker. Sir, when we effected rationalisation it appears there is some reduction in terms of total emoluments. That is why I said last time on the Floor of the House that I would like to discuss with the pensioners association, I had myself told that we can discuss and sort it out. That offer still stands.

Sanction of NRW Scheme of the Lingasagur Taluk, Raichur District

598. SRI M. GANGANNA (Kustagi).—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj be pleased to state:—

(a) whether is it not a fact that the two NRW Schemes sanctioned during this year for Lingasagur Taluk in Raichur District pertains to the Lingasagur L.A. Constituency;